



# Brownfields 2003 Grant Fact Sheet

## *Springfield, OH*

### EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Community Description

The City of Springfield was selected to receive an assessment grant. Springfield is a post-World War II industrial boomtown in west central Ohio. The city is rebounding from problems stemming from the loss of industry jobs five decades ago, but many former industrial properties that have been unused since the 1950s and 1960s remain abandoned. The city is a state-designated Enterprise Zone and Community Reinvestment Area. The target sites for hazardous substances assessment are located in a nine-block area in the city's urban core that is slated to be redeveloped into a new medical facility. The area contains the highest concentration of low-income residents in the city. Assessment of the target sites will spur further progress towards redevelopment, which is expected to



### Assessment Grant

New  
2003

*\$200,000 for hazardous substances*

*\$200,000 for petroleum*

EPA has selected the City of Springfield for a brownfields assessment grant. Petroleum funding will be used for Phase I and II environmental site assessments at four sites with suspected petroleum contamination, and for cleanup planning and community outreach activities. Funding for hazardous substances will be used to assess sites within the Southwest Downtown Urban Renewal Area.

### Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: [www.epa.gov/brownfields](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).

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Grant Recipient: City of Springfield, OH  
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Prior to receipt of these funds in fiscal year 2003, the City of Springfield has received brownfields funding for assessment and revolving loan fund grants.

The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

add 2,000 jobs to the current workforce of 4,000. The city expects to realize more than \$300 million in capital investment from the facility's construction, which will help spur revitalization of the surrounding area.